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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 797  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Cherish Widner, 2002  
Valedictorian of Seymour High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Cherish Widner is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Seymour High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Widner has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, Cherish Widner has earned numerous honors during her high school career, including the Algebra I Award, English I Honors Award, Family and Consumer Science Award, Biology I Award, Software Tools Award, National English Merit Award, Algebra II Award, and Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award; and

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WHEREAS, she was recognized as an All-American Scholar and Girls State Alternate and by The National Honor Roll, the United States Achievement Academy, *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and the Rotary Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, she has also earned Sophomore collegiate standing by taking classes at Walters State Community College concurrently while finishing high school; and

WHEREAS, Miss Widner is an active member of her school and community, having participated in the Beta Club, Future Teachers of America, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the French Club, Teenboard, Students Against Drunk Driving, the Math Club, the Chorus, Mounds of Chocolate Festival, Special Olympics, Tutoring, and Fantasy of Trees; and

WHEREAS, she is a highly respected leader among her peers and has served as Captain of the Cheerleaders, Community Service Chairman of the Future Homemakers of America, President of the Keyettes, and Vice President of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, she has served her Lord as a Children's Church Teacher, Nursery Worker, and Youth Play Director at Providence Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Cherish Widner's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Widner's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Cherish Widner, 2002 Valedictorian of Seymour High School, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

